



DUNCHURCH BOUGHTON CofE JUNIOR ACADEMY

Together we are stronger

23rd January 2026



Ben Davis, author of *Postman Planet*, brought a real buzz to school yesterday with an interesting and entertaining visit. He spoke to the children about his wide range of books, read aloud some favourite chapters, and had everyone laughing as he explored the quirks and adventures of his key characters. The pupils were fascinated by the personal stories he shared from his time as a postman, which helped them see how everyday experiences can spark brilliant ideas. After a lively Q&A session and a popular book signing, many children left feeling excited to dive into new stories of their own. Visits like this remind us how powerful reading can be in opening imaginations and encouraging every child to become a lifelong reader.



Some of our Year 4 children are all set to represent the school at the Level 3 Speed Stacking Competition this afternoon, and excitement is definitely building. They've been practising with real focus and enthusiasm, and we know they'll give the event their very best effort. It's a fantastic opportunity for them to challenge themselves, show great teamwork and enjoy being part of a larger sporting competition. We can't wait to hear how they get on, and we'll be sharing all the results and highlights in next week's newsletter.

Last week we mentioned an online event with Knowsley CLC on Wednesday 28th January 2026, 9.30am – 10.15am. The link to join can be found below. This session, A Guide to Online Gaming, will explore the latest trends, emerging threats, and the steps we can take to help keep children safe while supporting their understanding of the online world. There is no need to register in advance - simply click the link at the scheduled time to join. Cameras and audio will be switched off for all attendees, and any questions can be submitted through the Q&A box during the session.

[Knowsley CLC online event Teams link](#)

Attachments

[New lunch menu link](#) (w/c 26th January is week 1), Community Events and Services newsletter, Tips for Wellness - 'Learning'.

Notices/ reminders

A reminder that we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**. Please do not send your child into school with nuts or food containing nuts. Your cooperation in this matter is vital in order to keep children with allergies safe.

Year 6 PTA Bake-Off

A reminder that it is the Year 6 Bake-Off on Monday. Please bring any cakes for judging into school in the morning - please ensure no nuts are used in the bake. Once the cakes have been judged they will be available to sale. If your child would like to purchase a slice of cake please send them in with 50p in a named envelope or wallet.

Notices and reminder continued....

Pupil absence

If your child is absent, please make contact on **each day of their absence** by 9.20am, either by speaking to us, leaving message on the school office telephone (01788 811028) or by emailing office.juniors@dunchurch.covmat.org.

Accessible parking

Please do not park in our accessible parking spaces unless you are a blue badge holder. Thank you for your cooperation.

Lost property

One of our Year 3 pupils has lost guitar in a named black and blue case. We would be grateful if parents and carers of children with guitars could check if they have the correct one at home.

WOOSH - Game On (important information)

WOOSH before and after school club is now run Game On Coaching.

Please use the Pebble Booking system to book your child into WOOSH (link below). Bookings must be made directly with Game On and cannot be made through school. If you have not used the system before you will need to register on the system so that Game On have the information they need about your child (such as contacts, collector and medical details).

If you have any queries regarding WOOSH please contact Game On directly.

[Link to Pebble Booking System for WOOSH](#)

Email - info@gameoncoaching.co.uk

Phone - 07776 322590

If you make a last minute booking with Game On and your child is not expecting to go to WOOSH, please still contact school as well as Game On so that we can pass the message on to your child.

Mental Health and Wellbeing at Dunchurch Boughton Junior Academy

I am now back in school after being released from Jury Service.

A reminder that the [Parental support](#) page on our website has a number of links to sources of advice and services for families. You can also refer to our Community Events and Services newsletter which signposts services, news from the family information service, as well as events, workshops and courses for parents and carers.

As always, please do contact me via the pastoral email address (below) if you have any concerns that you wish to discuss. pastoralduj@dunchurch.covmat.org

Kind regards

Mrs Clusker

Pastoral Mentor



Awards this week

The Together We Are Stronger award for 3L goes to....



This certificate is awarded for your excellent behavior and a consistently positive attitude. You have shown impressive focus in your learning and always try your very best. Your resilience shines through, even when tasks are challenging. We are incredibly proud of your hard work and determination. You have really grown and shone in maths, your brilliant explanations and efforts have not gone unnoticed! Well done Freddie you have had a great start to the term.

The Together we are Stronger award for 4B goes to....



This term, Albie has worked incredibly hard and it has been such a pleasure to see. He comes into school every day with a big smile and approaches all of his learning with great effort and passion. I have been especially impressed with Albie's English work. He wrote an amazing letter draft, carefully edited it, copied it up neatly, and checked it thoroughly to make sure he was happy with it. Seeing him take such pride in his writing has been wonderful. I really can't wait to read your next piece of writing, Albie, because I know just how creative you are. Keep up the fantastic work we're all very proud of you!

The Together we are Stronger award for 4CG goes to....



Neya is a very hardworking member of Class 4CG. She is also a very kind and caring member of the class. She is always willing to help her friends and offer help with classroom jobs. She is diligent in all lessons, and produces very high-quality work across all subjects, which is always neatly presented. Her letter, this week, shows that she has listened carefully to advice, implemented her learning of the features of a successful letter, and produced an exceptional letter as a result. Well done, Neya. Thank you for being a fantastic member of Class 4CG

The Together we are Stronger award for 5A goes to....



Ellis, you have really impressed us in 5A so far this term. Your resilience and attitude towards learning have come on really well and it makes us so happy to see you getting involved in the learning and having fun while you do it. You are so creative Ellis, you always have an amazing creation to share and you have so much enthusiasm for understanding the relationships between the natural world and the human world. Ellis, we have also noticed your sense of pride grow this term. You are taking much more pride in your work and you should continue to do this because the work you have done is unique and impressive. Thank you Ellis for the effort you are putting in this term, be proud of what you've done and keep it up!

The Together we are Stronger award for 5HT goes to....



Elizabeth is a fantastic member of the class who consistently works incredibly hard. She approaches all aspects of learning with genuine effort and passion, always striving to do her best and yet still has time to be kind and helpful to others around her. Elizabeth is confident in her explanations and regularly helps to strengthen our learning through the ideas she shares during discussions. We are proud of the effort Elizabeth shows and the opportunities she embraces, both in the classroom and beyond, especially her valuable contribution to school sports teams and the way she can always be relied upon to represent our school so positively. Well done, Elizabeth - you should be proud of all you have achieved so far this year.

The Together we are Stronger award for 6CM goes to....



Erin, you are an absolute pleasure to teach and your kindness, effort and dedication is noticed not only by Mr Coppillie and I but also by your peers. Every day, you live out our school values and show excellent learning behaviours and consequently your learning and achievements continue to flourish. You are an excellent talk partner: your calm and helpful demeanour mean supports those people around you. We also appreciate that you are a team player and your efforts in the recent TTRS battles have been a large reason for our success. Keep striving to be the best version of yourself and you will be very successful.

The Together we are Stronger award for 6F goes to....






Our award this week is proudly presented to Edith! She has always got something to contribute to all lessons ("I've got 2 things to say!") and tries hard to make links between different subjects. Edith takes feedback on board and always tries her best to improve her work by reading marking carefully and asking questions when she needs to. Not only that, Edith loves to bring things in from home to show her peers - more recently, she has shared a wasp nest, an electrical circuit kit and an intriguing tape measure..! Edith is such a helpful, kind and happy member of our class - we are so lucky to have you! Well done!

The TT Rockstars Awards go to



Attendance Summary

Whole School: 95.73% (Target 97%)

			
3AE	3L	4B	4CG
96.64%	97.39%	95.85%	91.00%
			
5A	5HT	6CM	6F
95.32%	97.24%	99.02%	93.24%



HOUSE POINT TOTALS



<p>This week's total:</p> <p>276</p> <p>Cumulative Total</p> <p>1106</p>	<p>This week's total:</p> <p>239</p> <p>Cumulative Total</p> <p>1140</p>	<p>This week's total:</p> <p>220</p> <p>Cumulative Total</p> <p>1004</p>	<p>This week's total:</p> <p>291</p> <p>Cumulative Total</p> <p>1294</p>
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This week's winning House is: **Topaz**

Diary Dates - next week

Monday 26th January	Tuesday 27th January	Wednesday 28th January	Thursday 29th January	Friday 30th January
Activities & Events Year 6 PTA Bake-Off <i>(If your child would like to purchase a cake, please send them with 50p).</i>	Activities & Events	Activities & Events	Activities & Events	Activities & Events
Lunchtime Clubs TBC	Lunchtime Clubs TBC	Lunchtime Clubs TBC	Lunchtime Clubs	Lunchtime Clubs Music ambassadors Year 4-6
Musical Instrument Lessons IMS piano and flute No Guitar lessons this week	Musical Instrument Lessons IMS drums IMS Piano / keyboard	Musical Instrument Lessons IMS Violin and Keyboard	Musical Instrument Lessons	Musical Instrument Lessons IMS Singing lessons
After School Clubs Girls Football Year 3-6 15.30-16.30	After School Clubs Bounce and Beat Year 3-6 15.30-16.30 DM Football Year 3-6 15.30-16.45 Multisports - FULL Year 3-6 15.30-16.30	After School Clubs Spanish Club Year 3-6 15.30-16.30 Cookery Club (FULL) Year 3-6 15.30-16.30 Basketball Club Year 3 & 4 15.30-16.15 Year 5 & 6 16.30-17.15	After School Clubs Musical Theatre Year 3-6 15.30-18.00 DM Football Year 3-6 15.30-16.45	After School Clubs Cheerleading Year 3 - 6 15.30-16.30 Dodgeball Year 3-6 15.30-16.30

Future dates for your diary

10th and 12th February	Learner review meetings
Monday 16th – Friday 20th February	Half term
Monday 23rd February	Teacher training day
Thursday 26th February	Year 6 SATS meeting for parents/ carers
17th & 18th March, after school	IEP reviews

TERM DATES 2025 - 2026

Autumn Term 2025

<i>Teacher Training Day</i>	<i>Monday 1 September</i>
<i>Teacher Training Day</i>	<i>Tuesday 2nd September</i>
Term Starts	Wednesday 3 rd September
<i>Teacher Training Day</i>	<i>Friday 24th October</i>
<i>Half Term</i>	<i>Monday 27 – Friday 31 October</i>
Term Ends	Friday 19 December

Spring Term 2026

Term Starts	Monday 5 January
<i>Half Term</i>	<i>Monday 16 – Friday 20 February</i>
<i>Teacher Training Day</i>	<i>Monday 23 February</i>
Term Ends	Friday 27 March

Summer Term 2026

Term Starts	Monday 13 April
May Day	Monday 4 May
<i>Half Term</i>	<i>Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May</i>
<i>Teacher Training Day</i>	<i>Monday 1st June</i>
Warwickshire Induction Day	Wednesday 8 July
Term Ends	Friday 17 July
<i>Teacher Training Day</i>	<i>Monday 20 July</i>

TERM DATES 2026 – 2027

Autumn Term 2026

<i>Teacher Training Day</i>	<i>Tuesday 1 September</i>
Term Starts	Wednesday 2 September
<i>Half Term</i>	<i>Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October</i>
Term Ends	Friday 18 December

Spring Term 2027

<i>Teacher Training Day</i>	<i>Monday 4 January</i>
Term Starts	Tuesday 5 January
<i>Half Term</i>	<i>Monday 15 – Friday 19 February</i>
Term Ends	Friday 26 March

Summer Term 2027

Term Starts	Monday 12 April
May Day	Monday 3 May
<i>Half Term</i>	<i>Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June</i>
Warwickshire Induction Day	Wednesday 7 July
Term Ends	Wednesday 21 July

There will be 4 further teacher training days during 2026-2027 – to be confirmed.